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SUBJECT: PAISLEY COURTS ARREST

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1. IN EMOTIONAL SPEECH AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ROY MASON, REVEREND IAN PAISLEY DECLARED THAT HE ACCEPTED MASON'S "CHALLENGE" THAT THOSE WHO CARRIED PICKET SIGNS TOMORROW WOULD BE ARRESTED. MR. MASON HAD APPARENTLY DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN LEGAL INDUSTRIAL PICKETING AND POLITICAL STRIKE ACTIVITY. MR. PAISLEY SAID: "THEY CAN PICKET FOR HIGHER WAGES AND BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS BUT YOU CANNOT PICKET FOR THE LIVES OF YOUR WIVES AND CHILDREN." HE SAID THAT HE WOULD CARRY PICKET SIGN AND THAT MR. MASON'S WORDS MEANT THAT UNIONIST ACTION COUNCIL WOULD GAIN 10,000 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTERS.

2. JIM SMYTH, A DEPUTY UNIONIST ACTION COUNCIL LEADER AND SPOKESMAN FOR ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL, SAID AT PRESS CONFERENCE MEDIA WAS DISTORTING MEANING OF PROTEST AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ASKED FOR ACCURATE REPORTING. SMYTH SAID 2000 LIVES WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN JOBS. HE CALLED FOR TOTAL SHUTDOWN MAY 3, EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AND REQUESTED THOSE NOT SO ENGAGED TO REMAIN INDOORS.

3. ABOUT FORTY CUSTODIAL STAFF AT THE ULSTER MUSEUM, BELFAST WALKED OFF JOB SHORTLY BEFORE NOON TODAY.

EMPLOYEES CLAIMED UNION OFFICIAL HAD ATTEMPTED TO
INTIMIDATE THEM TO KEEP THEM FROM STRIKING TOMORROW.

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